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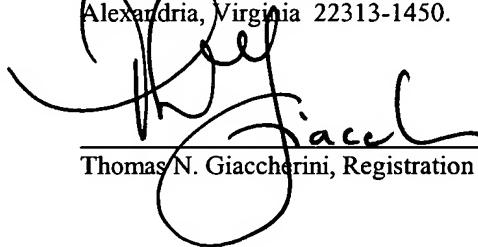
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### ELECTION OF CLAIMS

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Sir:

The Applicants submit this Election of Claims in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed on 22 March 2005. The Patent Office provided a one month period for response for the Requirement for Restriction, which expired on 22 April 2005. This Election is accompanied by a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, which will extend the period for response until 22 July 2005.

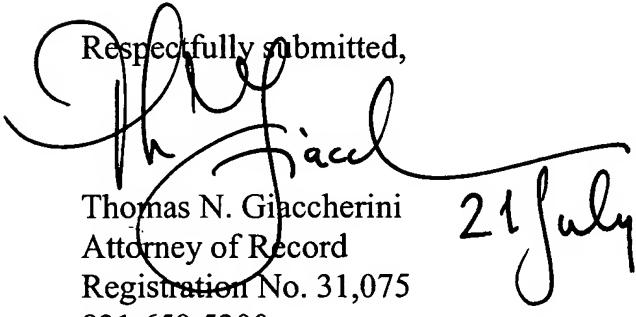
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The Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-22, without traverse. In accordance with the requirement contained in the Requirement for Restriction, the Applicants also select Species b ("b" as in "bravo").

The Applicants believe that no fee is required to enter this Election of Claims. The Applicants respectfully request that the all of the Pending Claims be allowed, and this Application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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